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Subject: Plum Island will get its day in court!



A federal district court judge has ruled that our lawsuit over the potential sale of Plum Island can go forward.

"With this win, our leverage to protect the hundreds of acres of pristine dunes, bluffs, and coastal forest, and many at-risk species of wildlife on Plum Island just increased significantly."

- Curt Johnson, president of CFE/Save the Sound

CFE/Save the Sound and six other organizations and individuals filed suit against the Department of Homeland Security and General Services Administration (GSA) in July 2016. We argued that in their pursuit of auctioning the federally-owned Plum Island to the highest bidder, the agencies violated multiple federal laws by failing to adequately consider the environmental impact of such a sale.

Homeland Security and GSA tried to get the lawsuit dismissed. But late last week, Judge Denis Hurley of the Eastern District of New York rejected each one of the agencies' arguments.

The suit will go forward—and we'll be able to speak up for the rights of the threatened wildlife that call Plum Island home and people like you who value natural beauty, fishing, and history.

"We'll now have the opportunity to present our full case to the court and ask that the sale of the island be halted until the agencies complete a proper environmental review in accordance with federal law."

- Roger Reynolds, chief legal officer for CFE/Save the Sound

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